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SUBJECT: LETTER CARRIERS RATIFY AGREEMENT

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1. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT CONCLUDED APRIL 24 COVERING APPROXIMATELY 16,000 LETTER CARRIERS HAS NOW BEEN RATIFIED BY A COMFORTABLE 81 PERCENT MAJORITY, DESPITE EFFORTS BY MONTREAL LOCAL TO OBTAIN NATION WIDE SUPPORT FOR REJECTION OF CONTRACT. ONLY MONTREAL AND QUEBEC CITY LOCALS VOTED AGAINST RATIFICATION. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, TWO-AND-A-HALF YEAR AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR 38 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE IN FOUR INSTALMENTS BRINGING 40 HOUR WEEKLY EARNING TO C\$245.60 (FOR EMPLOYEE WITH THREE YEARS SERVICE) PLUS COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT OF ONE CENT PER HOUR FOR EACH 0.4 PERCENT RISE IN CPI DURING LAST 16 MONTHS OF CONTRACT DURATION.

2. HOWEVER, THIS SETTLEMENT DOES NOT INSURE UNIMPEDED MAIL SERVICE AS LONG AS POSTAL CLERKS AND SORTERS HAVE NOT REACHED AGREEMENT ON NEW CONTRACT. WORK TO RULE TACTICS AND TAKING OF SICK LEAVE IN SEVERAL QUEBEC CENTERS, PARTICULARLY IN MONTREAL WHICH

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REPORTEDLY HAS BACKLONG OF 25 MILLION PIECES OF MAIL,

HAVE BROUGHT CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS AND
POSTMASTER-GENERAL MACKASEY INTO SERIOUS CONFRONTATION
OVER HIRING OF CASUAL WORKERS, AND LACK OF FORWARD
MOVEMENT IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.
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